MANITOWOC CO INC Form 8-K February 28, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

Current Report

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 24, 2006

The Manitowoc Company, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11978 (Commission File Number) 39-0448110 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2400 S. **44**th **Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin 54221-0066** (Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

(920) 684-4410

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instructions A.2. below):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

| Item 8.01 Other Events |
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| On February 24, 2006 The Manitowoc Company, Inc. (the Company) announced that the board of directors has authorized a quarterly dividend of 7.0 cents per share and a two-for-one stock split of the Company s outstanding common stock. |
| The Company s press release announcing this is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. |
| Item 9.01 Financial Statement and Exhibits |
| (c) Exhibits |
| 99.1 Press release of The Manitowoc Company, Inc. dated February 24, 2006 |
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

THE MANITOWOC COMPANY, INC. (Registrant)

DATE: February 28, 2006 /s/ Carl J. Laurino

Carl J. Laurino

Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

TO

FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT

Dated as of February 24, 2006

| Exhibit No. | | | Description | Filed Herewith |
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| | 99.1 | Press release dated February 24, 2006 | | X |
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